

Report of January Meeting

Our January meeting commenced on a sad note, as we held a minute's silence in memory of Gladys Hubbard, a dear friend and loyal member of the WI for many years. Good wishes for a speedy recovery also go to Merise Mackenzie, who is currently in Seaton Hospital. In cheerier vein, we were able to congratulate Karen Wilmott, who won the Competition Cup for 2008, with Margaret Andrews in second place, and Margaret Dare who was overall winner of the Flower of the Month competition.

Plans are being made to celebrate Kilmington WI's 75th Anniversary this year.

The speaker at the meeting was Jackie Brown, from Weycroft Hall, who came to tell us about the history of the Hall, and the work of the Christian training and outreach centre which is based there. Dating from Roman times, it is a beautiful historical building, with lovely gardens and grounds. The Hall has long had religious connections, and in 1963, when Sir Michael Newton moved into the Hall, he felt God would use it in some significant way. When the Newton family moved out, the Hall was put into the hands of a Christian trust, since when its function as a base for local Christian, social and training work has grown and developed to have a national and global dimension. The Hall is also available for private functions, and Jackie would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping there with cooking or gardening.

This month's competition winners for a shopping bag made from recycled materials were Christine East and Coral Dunmow, and Julie Jobson won Flower of the Month with a primrose.

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